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USAID FOR DCHA/FFP/D LANDIS, ANE/MEA FOR TOM OLIVER  
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SUBJECT: WFP EMERGENCY (EMOP) APPEAL FOR THE PALESTINIAN  
TERRITORY

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SUMMARY  
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1. THE U.S. MISSION IN ROME DRAWS YOUR ATTENTION TO THE UN  
WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME (WFP) APPEAL FOR DONOR SUPPORT TO WFP'S  
NEW EMERGENCY OPERATION (EMOP) FOR THE PALESTINIAN  
TERRITORIES COVERING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 15, 2003 THROUGH  
JULY 14, 2004. THE FOOD AID APPEAL IS VALUED AT U.S.  
DOLLARS 31 MILLION. END SUMMARY.

2. WFP'S EMOP 10190.00, VALUED AT U.S. DOLLARS (USD) 31  
MILLION AND INVOLVING THE PROVISIONING OF ABOUT 71,000 TONS  
OF FOOD COMMODITIES, PROVIDES TARGETED RELIEF AID TO 530,000  
FOOD-INSECURE PEOPLE IN THE PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES.

3. NUTRITIONAL SURVEYS INDICATE MALNUTRITION IN SOME PARTS  
OF GAZA AND THE WEST BANK. AS PER THE UN, ANEMIA LEVELS  
HAVE RISEN TO 50 PERCENT IN CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF SIX  
AND FIFTY-NINE MONTHS, AND MICRONUTRIENT DEFICIENCIES ARE UP  
BECAUSE OF THE LIMITED INTAKE OF FRESH FRUITS AND  
VEGETABLES.

4. THE EMOP WILL ADDRESS THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF POPULATIONS  
TARGETED ON THE BASIS OF VULNERABILITY ANALYSIS AND MAPPING  
FIELDWORK AND THE JOINT FAO/WFP CROP AND FOOD SUPPLY  
ASSESSMENT MISSION CONDUCTED IN APRIL AND MAY 2003.

5. WFP ASSISTANCE AIMS TO COMPLEMENT AND SUPPLEMENT THE  
EFFORTS OF THE PALESTINIAN MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS IN THE  
PROVISION OF FOOD ASSISTANCE. SPECIAL GROUPS, PARTICULARLY  
THOSE AFFECTED BY CLOSURES AND RESTRICTED MOVEMENT, SUCH AS  
BEDOUINS WHO RELY SOLELY ON LIVESTOCK AND FISHERMEN IN GAZA,  
WILL BE SUPPORTED WITH FOOD RATIONS AND TARGETED FOOD FOR  
WORK AND FOOD FOR TRAINING INTERVENTIONS.

6. THE PROJECT DOCUMENT FOR THIS APPEAL IS FOUND ON THE WFP  
WEBSITE. BERTON

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